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St. Poelten.

1. The garages of the Franz Josef Kaserne on Schiesstattring, St. Poelten (O 49/W 88), are placed along the sides of a square on which five trucks, two tank trucks and two jeeps were parked on 27 February 1951. Four driving-school trucks with about 20 student drivers were observed.
2. There was little activity in the occupied garages between the Eugen Kase - ne and the Rainer Kaserne. 50X1-HUM
3. The sentry at the former Kreisgericht (county court) wore black-bordered red epaulets. Sedan [] and jeep [] were parked in front of the building. Their drivers wore red-bordered black epaulets. 50X1-HUM
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4. Sedan [] and truck [] were observed driving to the barracks installations. Their drivers wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 40 soldiers practiced with light mortars at the municipal forest west of the barracks. 50X1-HUM
5. Camp Spratzern was occupied exclusively by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia. Two canvas-covered tanks were seen in the camp area and fresh tracks made by caterpillar vehicles were at the camp entrance. Large stocks of timber were piled in the camp area. Many barrels were seen at one place. Trucks [] were seen at the camp entrance. Their drivers wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. 50X1-HUM
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6. Only a sentry wearing black-bordered red epaulets was seen at the kommandatura on Linzerstrasse. Another sentry wearing the same type of epaulets was observed at the villa on Maria Theresiastrasse which has been converted into a prison.

Mauer Oehling and Amstetten.

7. From 80 to 100 soldiers were seen at rifle drill in the billeting area of the former Landesirrenanstalt (federal insane asylum) at Mauer Oehling - Amstetten (O 49/W 26) on 26 February 1951. Twenty-six trucks were parked at the installation, with an unidentified number of motor vehicles in the

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wooden garages. Trucks [] and [] left the installation. About 40 soldiers had camouflage training in the woods near the barracks. All soldiers observed wore black-bordered red epaulets. 50X1-HUM

8. Three captains (red) wearing silver epaulets with red stripes were seen at the hospital. EM observed there were black-bordered red epaulets. *

Mistelbach.

9. A platoon of soldiers was engaged in close-order drill in the yard of the Erzherzog Karl Kaserne, Mistelbach (P 49/G 53), on 28 February 1951. Most of the soldiers wore black-bordered red epaulets and some red-bordered black epaulets.
10. Only one of the wooden barracks in the hutment was observed to be occupied. No guards were seen on the watchtowers.
11. Soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets were seen in the kommandatura building. Two captains with red-bordered black epaulets went from the barracks installation to the kommandatura. **

Kottingbrunn.

12. Twenty-six freshly painted trucks of the American three-axle type were seen at the motor vehicle repair shop in Kottingbrunn (O 48/X 36) on 1 March. Another 40 to 50 trucks of the same type which were parked there were apparently to be repaired. Maintenance work was done on truck [] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, van-like truck [] and truck []. About 40 empty flatcars were standing on the spur track. *** 50X1-HUM
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Berndorf.

13. Maintenance work was done on 15 Soviet-type trucks at the motor vehicle repair shop in Berndorf (O 48/X 26) on 1 March. Truck [] occupied by two soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, left the installation. *** 50X1-HUM

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** [] Comment. The branch of service and strength of the troops in Mistelbach, which is apparently lightly occupied, are not known.

*** [] Comment. The motor vehicle repair shops have been known since 1949. 50X1-HUM

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